



# Finisher buildings – make the right investments

The British pig industry has undergone significant consolidation and become a highly efficient supply chain. Commercial opportunities are readily available to those willing to invest in pig finishing buildings.

BPEX has compiled a new best practice guide (details below) focused on blueprint designs for constructing growing and finishing pig accommodation, from 35kg through to 105kg slaughter weight.

With productivity of the sow herd improving, there is a demand for more pig places. Contract rearing of pigs can be a profitable and low-risk way of generating a regular income for farmers with the added benefit of valuable manures or slurries replacing purchased fertiliser.

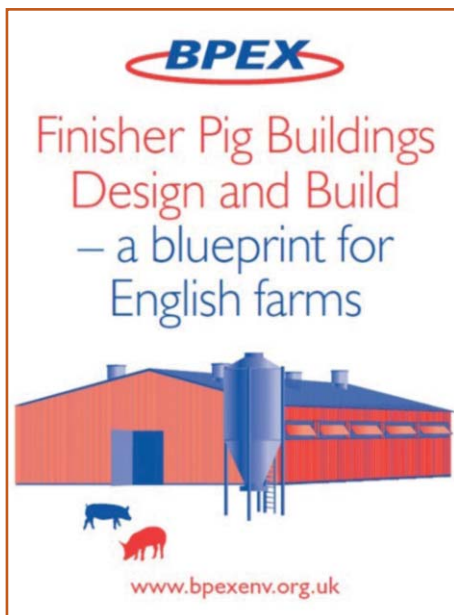
BPEX's blueprint considers two main systems: one for pigs on straw bedding and the other for pigs kept on slatted floors.

The key areas to consider are:



- Building designs, including feeding, ventilation and slurry systems
- Finance
- Planning permission
- Environmental compliance
- Management of routines, unloading pigs and safety
- Nutrition
- Veterinary health, including enabling all-in, all-out systems
- Farm assurance.

## NEW: pig buildings blueprint



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 – a blueprint for  
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'Finisher Pig Buildings – Design and Build' is a new guide from BPEX which provides a blueprint for English pig farms.

It helps producers assess the key opportunities and issues involved in the construction and management of a new pig finishing building.

The British pig industry has to remain productive and competitive, providing high-quality meat produced in accordance with high animal welfare standards in an environmentally-sustainable manner.

High-quality modern buildings play an important part in achieving these objectives.

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## MANAGEMENT TIPS

### Good teamwork

Below are three key actions to help ensure a productive team.

**Communicate:** Honesty is one communications challenge that comes when teams face difficulty. People should reject the impulse to say things are going better than they are.

**Question:** Encourage people to ask questions to build understanding of why particular tasks are being done.

**Care:** Good staff relationships are tied to job satisfaction so it is good to appropriately mix the personal and professional.

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